

CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) A mobile alerter for a mobile communication device, said mobile alerter comprising:

- a processor;
 - a power supply;
 - a wireless receiver to communicate with said mobile communication device;
 - notification hardware for triggering a notification of an incoming alert; and
 - a connection interface for removably connecting said mobile alerter to said mobile communication device;
- said mobile alerter forming the notification unit of said mobile communication device such that
- said mobile alerter outputs notification alerts for said mobile communication device when said mobile alerter is in a tethered mode, and
 - said mobile alerter outputs notification alerts for said mobile communication device when said mobile alerter is in an un-tethered mode.

2. (previously presented) The mobile alerter of claim 1, wherein said notification hardware comprises at least one type of hardware selected from the following group: a speaker, a vibrator, and a light.

3. (previously presented) The mobile alerter of claim 1, wherein said power supply comprises a battery.

4. (currently amended) A mobile communication device comprising:

- a processor;
- a wireless communication means to communicate with a wireless network;
- a wireless transmitter for communication with a wireless network;

- a wireless receiver for communication with a wireless network;
- a wireless transmitter for communication with a mobile alerter of claim 1;
- a housing with an-indenture a cavity for receiving said mobile alerter; and
- a connection interface for receiving said mobile alerter.

5. (previously presented) The mobile communication device of claim 4, wherein said wireless communication means comprises at least one form of communication means selected from the following group: a voice communication means, and a data communication means.

6. (previously presented) The mobile communication device of claim 4, wherein said connection interface comprises at least one form of interface selected from the following group: a serial interface, a parallel interface, a USB interface, a Firewire interface, and a wireless interface.

7. (previously presented) A method for receiving notification on a mobile alerter, said mobile alerter removably connectable to a mobile device, the method comprising the steps of:

- receiving a first notification alert on a mobile communication device from a wireless network;

- sending out a second notification alert from wireless device to mobile alerter, said mobile alerter forming the notification unit of said mobile communication device such that

- said mobile alerter outputs notification alerts for said mobile communication device when said mobile alerter is in a tethered mode, and

- said mobile alerter outputs notification alerts for said mobile communication device when said mobile alerter is in an un-tethered mode;

- receiving second notification alert on mobile alerter; and

triggering notification hardware to alert user of incoming second notification of mobile communication device.

8. (cancelled).

9. (new) The mobile communication device of claim 4, wherein the connection interface of the mobile device is located within the cavity of the housing of the mobile device, the cavity being adapted to slidably receive the mobile alerter.